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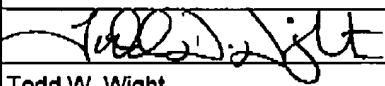
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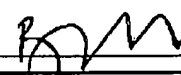
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 4, 2006, for which a response is due on July 4, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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